



On February 17, 2009, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) was passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama. ARRA provides increased support to several existing federal programs administered by states, creates new programs such as the State Fiscal Stabilization Fund, and offers opportunities for states to apply for competitive grant programs.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act's significant investment in North Carolina totaled almost \$19.5 billion, including assistance for those needing help the most through increases in unemployment benefits, Medicaid payments, and food stamps. In addition to those expanded services, ARRA gives hundreds of thousands of working North Carolinians a break through tax credits like the *Making Work Pay* tax credit and the *First Time Homebuyer's* tax credit.

The Recovery Act is not like earlier attempts to revive the nation's economy. It is not only a one-time infusion of federal funds; instead it is a long-term effort to restore economic expansion in the short-term, as well as prepare the nation's economy for stable, healthy long-term growth. Under the terms of the Recovery Act, support for North Carolina's economy will include both investments made directly by the federal government and investments of federal funds that are made under the oversight of the North Carolina state government.

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Report, Vance County

Vance County received more than \$61 million in ARRA funding in grants, loans, and bonds. The following report outlines the various funding categories that contributed to the Vance County total.



Pell Grant Awards:
2,580



Small Business Jobs:
75

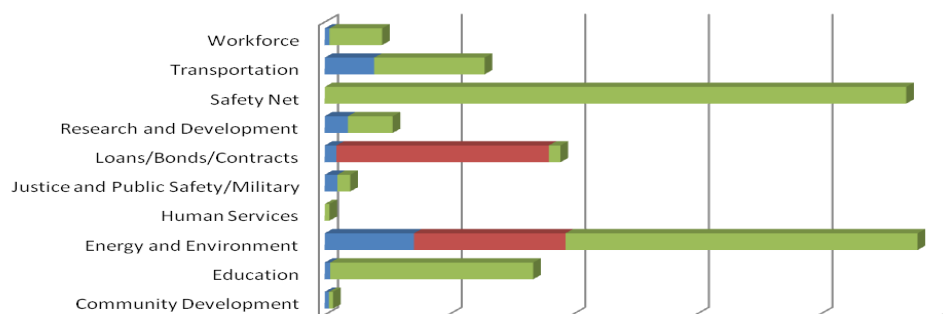


Appliances rebated:
65



Family homes financed:
21

Vance County Totals



Sum of Prime Awards Sum of Sub-Awards Sum of Loans/Bonds

Vance County,
pop 42,954 at a glance:

Recovery Act Totals:

Grants: \$46,727,520

Loans: \$10,799,548

Bonds: \$3,924,320

Total: \$61,451,388



Education

The Recovery Act placed a special emphasis on maintaining education funding. Governor Beverly Perdue furthered this commitment by pledging additional recovery funds from the Recovery Act to education, and leading North Carolina to additional funds by winning \$400 million in the Race to the Top program.

Most of the ARRA education funds are distributed to local schools through existing funding formulas. Special Education Funds and Title I funds go to schools based on eligible student enrollment. State Fiscal Stabilization Funds (SFSF) and the EduJobs grants were designed to hold schools harmless during the recession, and were distributed to public and charter schools. The school systems have spent the majority of the funds on staff and support. Some projects, such as Race to the Top, will be spent for purchasing products and services rather than salaries for staff.

Authorization for low/no interest bonds for school construction/renovation followed the Department of Public Instruction procedures with initial allotments to the school systems. If a school system could not utilize their allotment, it was released to other school systems that could utilize additional allotments.

Vance County schools received \$17.8 million in education funding, including \$x million in Special Education funds, \$1.7 million in Title I funds, \$4.9 million in SFSF funds, \$1.1 million in Race to the Top funding and a \$3.9 million bond allocation.

In Vance County, Vance-Granville Community College had 2,580 students funded by Pell Grants; these grants were worth more than \$4 million.



Family Assistance

The Federal Department of Agriculture increased funding to their Single-Family home program with the ARRA. These resources assisted families in achieving the American Dream of home ownership through direct financial assistance (grants) or credit (loan guarantees). This program pumped more than \$729 million into North Carolina, providing assistance to more than 5,400 families.

In Vance County, 21 families received assistance through this program totaling more than \$2.6 million.

The Department of Energy created the Energy Star Appliance rebate program to help stimulate the economy by incentivizing the purchase of new, more energy efficient appliances, and helping consumers by providing long-term savings from their utility bills. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce managed the program insuring North Carolina residents and retailers received the maximum benefit from this opportunity. North Carolina retailers sold more than 25,500 new energy efficiency appliances through this program, and North Carolina residents will enjoy energy savings for years to come. The program was so successful, that the State Energy Office reprogrammed additional funding to provide discounts to everyone participating in the program, bringing the total program value from \$8 up to \$10 Million.

Vance County retailers sold 65 appliances through the Energy Star Appliance rebate program.



Small Business Assistance

The ARRA provided tax breaks, increased depreciation of business assets, and incentives for hiring for small businesses through the tax law changes found in Part B of the Act. The Recovery Act also established direct aid programs through the federal Small Business Administration (SBA) and US Department of Agriculture (USDA). These programs provided grants, loans and loan guarantees to grant small businesses access to much-needed operational credit during 2009 and 2010.

In Vance County 5 small businesses received SBA loan guarantees worth almost \$2 million. According to the small businesses receiving these loans, the Recovery Act saved or created 75 jobs.



Farm Assistance

The Supplemental Revenue Assistance Payments (SURE) Program is administered by the Farm Services Administration in the federal Department of Agriculture, which provides assistance to farmers suffering crop losses due to natural disasters. To qualify for the program a farm must have lost at least 10% of one crop during a natural disaster in a declared disaster county, or lost 50% of a crop during a disaster in a non-disaster county. North Carolina farmers received more than \$9 million in total payments under the ARRA-Funded SURE Program.

In Vance County, \$4,540 was received in assistance to farmers because of crop loss to natural disasters.



CARS Program

The Car Allowance Rebate Program (CARS), more widely known as the 'Cash-for-Clunkers' program, provided an incentive for drivers of older, energy inefficient vehicles to upgrade to new cars. This program also provided a large economic impact in North Carolina, and North Carolina dealers received more than 18,000 trade-in vehicles through this program. North Carolina Car Dealers sold more than \$400,000,000 worth of new cars (recommended MSRP) through the CARS program. North Carolina drivers will save 172,130 miles per gallon through cars purchased through this program.

In Vance County, car dealers sold 128 cars worth almost \$3 million through the ARRA CARS program.



Justice and Public Safety Programs

ARRA increased funding to the federal Byrne Justice Assistance Grants Program (JAG). JAG funds were awarded both as a formula allocation to the State, for \$34.5 million, and grants distributed by the Governor's Crime Commission to various local governments and entities. In addition, \$21,853,798 went to 216 local governments across the state for

various purposes in line with the requirements of the act. Finally, there is a federal competitive portion that was open to state or local government applicants.

In Vance County, \$153,944 was awarded in JAG funds.

The COPS (Community Oriented Policing Services) awards grants to law enforcement agencies to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies. COPS funding also provides training and technical assistance to community members and local government leaders and all levels of law. In order to help leverage the efficiency of these programs Governor Perdue set aside additional funding to help pay for uniforms and equipment for local governments who have new COPS funded positions.

In Vance County, the City of Henderson had 3 officers funded through COPS grants. Additionally, the Governor's Crime Commission awarded the City of Henderson \$12,000 to help outfit and equip these officers.



Environment and Natural Resources Programs

ARRA funded several programs to protect the environment, or to develop natural resources more efficiently. These programs ranged from environmental clean-up, such as leaking underground storage tank abatement and Brownfields programs, to EPA clean air grants, wildfire prevention grants, and revolving funds to build, expand, or overhaul existing water and sewer programs. These programs provided nearly \$150 million across North Carolina.

In Vance County, the USDA's Rural Utility Service gave the Vance County Government \$9.5 million in assistance for improvements to water and sewer facilities in 2 water districts.



Green Energy Programs

One of the goals of ARRA was to provide grants to help conserve energy and assist in the development of a green economy. The State Energy Office in the North Carolina Department of Commerce received large grants for energy conservation under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. These grants include the Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), funded at just under \$20 million, and the State Energy Plan (SEP), funded at \$70 million. The State Energy Office then used these grants to make awards to businesses, non-profits, and local governments for various purposes.

In Vance County, Vance County Schools received an EECBG grant of \$200,000 to improve lighting and replace heating and air conditioning units at Southern Vance High School, replace heating; improve lighting and the boiler at Northern Vance High School and improve lighting at the maintenance and transportation building.



Safety Net Programs

Safety net programs are the category of ARRA funding that consists of programs designed to help populations made particularly vulnerable by the economic crisis. These generally include increases in existing programs, most notably the increase in both benefit level and duration of unemployment payments. Increases in the amount and duration of unemployment payments makes up the largest chunk of safety net programs funded through the Recovery Act, totaling more than \$3.5 billion statewide over more than two years. Safety net programs such as unemployment insurance and SNAP (formerly known as Food Stamps), not only benefit the recipient, but have a proven economic impact on a community.

Vance County residents received \$15.5 million in Unemployment Insurance increases during the 2 ½ year ARRA benefits increase. County residents also received \$5.3 million in SNAP benefit increases, and \$2.6 million in one-time payments of \$250 to social security recipients.

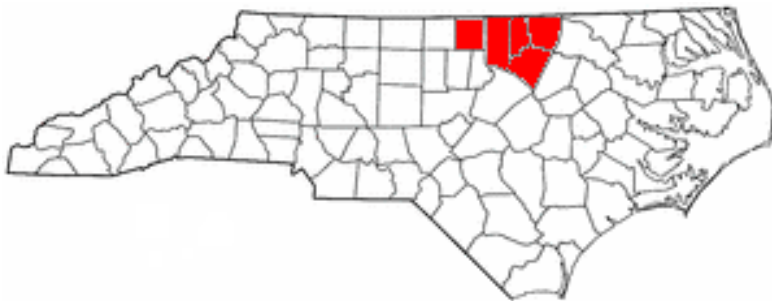
Vance County received more than \$224,377 for Head Start Programs.

Vance County Feature Story

Vance County Sees Business Development with RBEG Grants

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funded a number of different programs to help stimulate the economy. One of the programs was the USDA's Rural Business Enterprise Grant. The primary objective of the program is to improve the economic conditions of rural areas by facilitating the development of small and emerging private business, industry, and related employment. RBEG funds were eligible for public bodies and private nonprofit corporations, such as states, counties, cities, townships, and authorities that serve rural areas. "Rural area" for the RBEG program is defined as a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population of 50,000 inhabitants or less, other than an urbanized area immediately adjacent to a city, town, or unincorporated area that has a population in excess of 50,000 inhabitants.

This program was allotted \$19 million that funded 192 projects nationally. USDA awarded North Carolina four RBEG grants, for a total of \$340,000. These grants were specifically for counties with high poverty, where the grants could have a large potential impact. Two of the RBEG awards went to Vance County.



The Kerr-Tar Regional Council of Governments (COG) is one of 17 regional planning and development agencies in North Carolina that help local governments identify and meet needs that improve the quality of life. The Kerr-Tar COG collaborates with local governments, businesses, nonprofits and citizens to plan and develop programs and services for youth and seniors, rehabilitate substandard housing, coordinate transportation planning, promote the wise use of land and natural resources, develop the workforce and promote jobs and opportunity. The COG is governed by local government members in Region K, the state designation for the counties of Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance and Warren.

Kerr-Tar COG successfully applied for an RBEG grant. Kerr-Tar used the \$120,000 to make a revolving fund loan to RLF-CPI Designs to help finance a prototype switch for septic tank maintenance. CPI-Designs is a Henderson-based business that has specialized in aluminum fabrication and construction for more than 40 years. All items created by CPI Designs are made in Vance County. The prototype tank system is currently in development, if the prototype is successful and goes into manufacture, RLF-CPI Designs will create many jobs within production and sales.

The Henderson-Vance Downtown Development Corporation is a not for profit, volunteer commission whose activities and programs are designed to enhance the economic and cultural vitality of Henderson's Historic Central Business District. The Commission received an RBEG grant of \$75,000 to further the Commissions goals of business recruitment and entrepreneurial development. The Commission is currently considering applicants for the RBEG-funded revolving loan fund.

Appendix, Vance County breakout

Federal Agency	Program Title	Recipient name	Recipient role ⁱ	Prime Amount ⁱⁱ	Unique Sub Awards ⁱⁱⁱ	Loans	Additional Economic Activity (not counted toward totals) ^{iv}
	Bonds		P			\$3,924,320.00	
	Cash for Clunkers		S		\$537,000.00		
	Federal Pell Grant Program	Vance - Granville Community College	P				
	Very Low to Moderate Income Housing Loans - Guaranteed	Individuals	L			\$2,632,548.00	
Administration for Children and Families	ARRA - Child Care and Development Block Grant	Vance, County Of	S	\$0.00	\$76,131.00	\$0.00	
	ARRA - Head Start	Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity, Inc.	P	\$224,377.00		\$0.00	\$224,377.00
Administration on Aging	Aging Congregate Nutrition Services for States	Kerr-Tar Regional Council Of Governments	S	\$0.00	\$54,910.00	\$0.00	
	Aging Home-Delivered Nutrition Services for States	Kerr-Tar Regional Council Of Governments	S	\$0.00	\$27,033.00	\$0.00	
	ARRA - Communities Putting Prevention to Work: Chronic Disease Self-Management Program	Kerr-Tar Regional Council Of Governments	S	\$0.00	\$30,584.00	\$0.00	
Department of Agriculture	Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	Multiple Individuals	S		\$5,305,694.94		
Department of Energy	Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program (EECBG)	Henderson, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$39,549.00	\$0.00	
		Vance County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	
		Vance-Granville Community	S	\$0.00	\$130,836.00	\$0.00	

		College				
	Weatherization Assistance for Low-Income Persons	Franklin-Vance-Warren Opportunity, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$3,410,327.00	\$0.00
Department of Health and Human Services	Aging Congregate Nutrition Services for States	Vance County DSS	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Aging Home-Delivered Nutrition Services for States	Vance County DSS	SV	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Department of Housing and Urban Development	Public Housing Capital Fund Formula (Recovery Act Funded)	Vance County Housing Authority	P	\$169,298.00		\$0.00 \$169,298.00
Department of Justice	Public Safety Partnership and Community Policing Grants	Henderson, City Of	P	\$369,306.00		\$0.00 \$369,306.00
	Recovery Act - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program / Grants To Units Of Local Government	Henderson, City Of	P	\$141,946.00		\$0.00 \$93,064.00
		Vance, County Of	S	\$0.00		\$0.00 \$48,882.00
	Recovery Act - Eward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program/ Grants to States and Territories	Henderson, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$11,998.83	\$0.00
Department of Labor	Unemployment Insurance	Multiple Individuals	S		\$15,596,207.42	
Environmental Protection Agency	Water Quality Management Planning	Kerr-Tar Regional Council Of Governments	S	\$0.00	\$34,760.00	\$0.00
Federal Highway Administration	Highway Planning and Construction	North Carolina Department Of Transportation	P	\$2,000,000.00		\$0.00 \$2,000,000.00
		S.T. Wooten Corporation	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00 \$2,000,000.00
Federal Transit Administration	Formula Grants for Other Than Urbanized Areas	Kerr Area Rural Transit System Authority	S	\$0.00	\$467,000.00	\$0.00
Food and Nutrition Service	Child Nutrition Discretionary Grants Limited Availability	Vance County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$32,172.02	\$0.00
Health Resources and Services	ARRA - Grants to Health Center Programs	Edwards Associates Architects	PV	\$0.00		\$0.00 \$8,600.55

Administration						
		H.G. Reynolds Company, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$513,176.21
		Henry Schein, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$44,458.34
		Rural Health Group, Inc.	P	\$941,040.00		\$941,040.00
		Storr Office Environments, Inc.	PV	\$0.00		\$73,080.63
		Sullivan Schein Dental	PV	\$0.00		\$231,449.45
Idaho Operations Office	Energy Efficient Appliance Rebate Program (EEARP)		P		\$0.00	\$9,914.91
National Energy Technology Laboratory	State Energy Program	Henderson, City Of	S	\$0.00	\$31,570.00	\$0.00
		Henderson-Vance Downtown Development Commission, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$107,102.00	\$0.00
Office of Elementary and Secondary Education	Education Technology State Grants, Recovery Act	Vance County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$44,497.00	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Education State Grants, Recovery Act	Vance Charter School, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$278,450.00	\$0.00
		Vance County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$3,840,575.00	\$0.00
		Vance-Granville Community College	S	\$0.00	\$830,566.94	\$0.00
	State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF) - Race-to-the-Top Incentive Grants, Recovery Act	Vance County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$1,176,352.00	\$0.00
	Title I Grants to Local Educational Agencies, Recovery Act	Vance County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$1,711,153.00	\$0.00
Office of Job Corps	No CFDA for Contract type awards	Del-Jen, Inc.	P	\$234,402.00		\$234,402.00
				\$55,648.00		\$55,648.00
				\$3,550.00		\$3,550.00
				\$181,645.00		\$181,645.00
Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services	Special Education - Preschool Grants,	Vance County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$72,284.00	\$0.00

	Recovery Act						
	Special Education Grants to States, Recovery Act	Vance Charter School, Inc.	S	\$0.00	\$92,458.00	\$0.00	
		Vance County Board Of Education	S	\$0.00	\$1,838,655.00	\$0.00	
Rural Business Cooperative Service	Rural Business Enterprise Grants - ARRA	Henderson-Vance Downtown Development Commission, Inc.	P	\$75,000.00		\$0.00	\$75,000.00
		Kerr-Tar Regional Council Of Governments	P	\$119,942.00		\$0.00	\$119,942.00
Rural Utilities Service	Water and Waste Disposal Systems for Rural Communities - ARRA	Vance, County Of	P	\$0.00		\$2,196,000.00	\$2,196,000.00
				\$1,622,800.00		\$0.00	\$1,622,800.00
				\$0.00		\$3,937,000.00	\$3,937,000.00
				\$1,987,450.00		\$0.00	\$1,987,450.00
Small Business Administration	Loans	Ambassador Inn & Suites	L			\$5,000.00	
		Big Cheese Pizza	L			\$85,000.00	
		FTLC Wings LLC	L			\$5,000.00	
		Leroy's Truck Repair & Service	L			\$35,000.00	
		Timberline Acquisition, LLC	L			\$1,904,000.00	
SSA	Social Security Economic Recovery Act Payments	Multiple Individuals	P		\$2,623,250.00		
Grand Total				\$8,126,404.00	\$38,601,116.15	\$14,723,868.00	\$17,140,084.09

ⁱ Recipient Role are as follows: P is a prime recipient; S is a Sub-recipient; PV is a vendor to a prime recipient; SV is a vendor to a sub-recipient; L is a loan recipient.

ⁱⁱ Prime Amounts are unique prime awards within a county. These are entities who have received funding directly from a federal agency, and are required to report directly to www.federalreporting.gov

ⁱⁱⁱ Unique Sub Awards are amounts that flow into a county from a source that is NOT directly from a Federal Agency. Generally these are funds awarded to the North Carolina State Government that have been directed to a local source.

^{iv} Additional Economic Activity are economic activity attributable to a previous funding category. They may be a sub award by a prime recipient within a county, or a contract funded by one of the previous three columns. This economic activity is not counted toward the county total.